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D. REMARKS

Specification

Applicants amend the specification above to update the status of co-pending related patent applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the final action dated January 25, 2005, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, and 16-18 and objects to claims 3, 9, and 15. [Office Action, pp. 1, 2, 3] Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, and 16-18 remain in the application and claims 3, 9, and 15 are incorporated into claims 1, 7, and 13 and cancelled. Claims 3, 9, and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. [Office Action, p. 2] Applicants have incorporated in their entirety allowable claims 3, 9, and 15 into previously rejected base claims 1, 7, and 13 to rewrite claims 3, 9, and 15 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims. There are no intervening claims. Therefore, Applicants present allowable subject matter in the form required for allowance; Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a timely notice of allowance for claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, and 16-18.

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Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andrew et al. (US Patent 6,633,310) and Vinberg (US Publication 2002/0138602). [Office Action, p. 3] Applicants note that claims 1, 7, and 13, which are independent method, system, and program product claims respectively, are amended to include allowable subject matter, and therefore should be allowed. Claims 2, 4-6, 8, 10-12, 14, and 16-18 are claims dependent on claims 1, 7, and 13, amended for allowance, and therefore should also be allowed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, and 16-18 in view of the amendments to claims 1, 7, and 13 to incorporate allowable subject matter.

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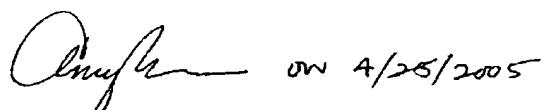
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request a timely issuance of a notice of allowance for claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, and 16-18.

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